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Ground broken for Phase 12 Water Project

The Morgan County Water District held a ground breaking ceremony Aug. 13 to thank all the people involved in the Phase 12 Water Line Project, which will include 43 miles of waterline extensions to serve 108 new customers in rural Morgan County who presently rely on contaminated wells and cisterns. All residents interested in receiving water service in this area are urged to come into the office at 450 Prestonsburg Street immediately and sign up. Participating in the event, which took place off Ky. 172 near Lenox, were, from left, Tony Campbell, District Water Board member; Frankie Spencer, magistrate; Stanley Riggsby, magistrate; Tim Conley, judge executive; Donnie Gunnell, board member; Holli Litteral, board member; Roy Collett, board chairman; John Will Stacy, state representative; Kenneth Slone, USDA Rural Development State Director; Cynthia Montgomery, water district, office manager; Steve Pelfrey, field manager, and Monty Rhody, Cann-Tech, LLC.

City crackdown begins with back alley cat house

By Miranda Cantrell James

City officials confirmed to *The Courier* on Tuesday that they have employed a person to trap stray cats inhabiting an empty building in the alley (Trimble Street) behind City Hall.

A City Hall employee said the trapper has so far removed approximately 12 cats and transported them to West Liberty Veterinary Clinic, where they are available for adoption to the public.

The cats were seized under an animal control ordinance passed on May 27 which prohibits dogs and cats from running at large in public streets, alleys, highways or on the property of anyone other than the animal's owner without rabies vaccination tags.

The city spokesperson noted that city officials had in recent months received numerous complaints about the cats jumping on vehicles belonging to people who work on Main Street and park in the alley.

An estimated 20-25 stray cats and their offspring have inhabited the alley building for the past several years.

No information was available on whether any dogs and/or their owners have been found in violation of the ordinance.

NEWS DEADLINE—News items and advertising submitted for publication in *The Licking Valley Courier* should be submitted by Friday of the preceding week and must be in our office before noon on Monday. —Editor

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Congressman Hal Rogers chats with constituents during visit to West Liberty last week. From left, are Virginia Terry, of Hwy. 772, Arlie Gibson of Ezel, Rogers, and Roy Elam of Florress.

Rogers addresses energy crisis at Chamber meet

By Miranda Cantrell James

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers (R) visited MSU at West Liberty on Aug. 12 for a Morgan County Chamber of Commerce luncheon, where he discussed the nation's current energy crisis and his vision for Eastern Kentucky's future.

Rep. Rogers was welcomed to Morgan County by Mayor Bob Nickell and Judge Executive Tim Conley, who lauded the longtime congressman's efforts to appropriate federal funding for local projects.

"It is an honor to host Hal Rogers," Conley said. "Everything he has done for Morgan County is greatly appreciated. No matter what side of the political fence we are on, Rep. Rogers is always here to help."

Conley also recognized Rep. Rogers's role in procuring funding for the \$7 million county water project.

"In 2003, the county was very short on money for the installation of a water system," Conley said. "At that time, only 30 percent of the county had access to the water project."

Conley noted that both vehicles were severely damaged by the fire.

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Salyersville paper takes senatorial candidate to task

The Salyersville Independent in a story last week by editor Coleman Larkin took Democrat candidate for state Senate Michael "Whitey" Adkins to task, enumerating numerous instances of "dubious" business dealings in his past. The story cited court documents from several counties.

Adkins defeated Pete Frye of

Campton in the May primary for the right to challenge Sen. Robert Stivers of Manchester for the 25th District Senate seat in the Nov. 4 general election. The district includes Magoffin, Morgan, Wolfe, Owsley, Lee, Clay, and Knox counties.

Citing its review of court records, The Independent's story See SALYERSVILLE Page 4

Candidates file for city council and schl. board

Meeting the Aug. 12 deadline for filing as candidates for non-partisan city council and school board positions at the November 4 General Election were:

For city council — Mark Walter, Alton Pelfrey, Belinda Jordan, John May, Jim Rupe, and Vickie Henley, all incumbents.

For school board — Educ. Dist. 3 (West Liberty Ward 3 and Wrigley precincts) — Patty Hutchinson, incumbent, and Melinda Barker.

Educ. Dist. 3 (Chapel and Ezel precincts) — Delores Luke, incumbent; Eddie Negron, and Ralph Smith.

Educ. Dist. 4 (Caney, Salem and Index precincts) — Mike Dalton, incumbent; Brian David Lindon, and Shaunte Wireman.

Also filing for Soil Conservation District Board member was Paul Gullett, incumbent. No other candidates filed for three other vacancies on the board, which will have to be filled by appointment.

Asst. Fire Chief David Conley said a passing motorist saw flames coming from the home of Fay Roe and notified dispatch at 3:48 a.m.

"No one was at home when the fire started," Conley said. "The fire appears to have started in the living room/kitchen area, but the cause is undetermined at this time."

WLFD also provided assistance to Caney Valley Fire Department members who responded to an automobile fire involving two vehicles at 2601 Old Hwy. 172 on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Conley, who is also a Caney Valley firefighter, said that a small pickup truck caught fire in the driveway of Scotty May at approximately 5:03 p.m.

"The pickup truck had been sitting behind a full-size van for about an hour when it caught fire," Conley said. "The vehicles were so close that the fire from the truck jumped to the van. No one was in either vehicle when the fire started."

Conley noted that both vehicles were severely damaged by the fire.

Crowd down, but dedicated participants raise over \$33,000 at annual Relay for Life

By Miranda Cantrell James



Cancer survivors are pictured above participating in a survivor's lap during the Relay For Life at the Equestrian Park on Liberty Road on Aug. 15. Teams raised \$33,293.89 for cancer research despite low attendance again this year.

Attendance was notably down again for this year's Morgan County Relay for Life with only 200 attending the American Cancer Society's annual research fundraiser at the Equestrian Park on Liberty Road.

However, event Chair Ashley Lykins said the Relay's dedicated participants raised \$33,293.89 for cancer research despite the low turnout.

Approximately 32 cancer survivors were honored during opening ceremonies, in which survivor Nancy Adkins lit the Torch of Hope and led the survivors' lap.

Participants lit luminaries at 10 p.m. honoring family and friends.

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Lady Cougars, front from left, Alyssa Elam, Danielle Dunn, Sheyenne Wireman, Leslie Eagle, Chelsea Steele, Megan Howard, Rickayla Isom, April Vest; back from left, Becca Elam, Emily Nickell, Bri Adkins, Kara Lewis, Bri Peyton, Faith Stone, Whitley Brooks, and Kaytie Motley

Lady Cougars now 5-1 on season, runners up in EKC Tournament

After one week of play, the MCHS Lady Cougars have racked up five wins against only one loss, which came in the championship game of the EKC Volleyball Tournament at the hands of the Red Devils.

The Morgan team coached by Tammy Hensley opened tournament competition against Lewis

County. After defeating Lewis County to start regular season play, Morgan County capped a double-header with another win over Lewis in their first round tournament game in straight sets, 25-19, 25-10, in pool play.

The Lady Cougars then dispatched Raceland, Fairview, and West Carter to earn the right to play Russell, the winner of the Russell, East Carter, Fleming, Bath County pool, for the EKC championship.

In pool play, Morgan defeated Raceland in three sets (26-24, 22-25, 25-20), West Carter (26-

24, 27-25), and Raceland again (25-20, 25-19).

Russell, however, proved dominant in the championship game. Although Morgan matched the intimidating Red Devils point for point in the early going, Russell was quick to capitalize on any defensive error and won in straight sets, 25-14, 25-13.

Coach Hensley says the feels her team is "where we need to be at this point in the season" and believes the Lady Cougars will be "capable of playing with anyone" as the season progresses.

Team to host Powell Co. in 'Volley for the Cure' Sept. 2

The Morgan County Lady Cougars volleyball team will host Powell County Tuesday night, Sept. 2, 2008. But when they meet on the floor, don't expect to see the mighty blue and gold traditional colors. The Lady Cougars will toss their traditional blue and gold for pink. This match will be dedicated to find-

ing a cure for breast cancer.

Players as well as coaches will wear special pink jerseys for the event, and the high school gym will be decked out in pink. The team is asking the community to join them in this effort. They would like fans wearing pink to pack the stands as they volley for a cure.

Morgan County High School 2008 Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 12	Montgomery Co.	.....H
Aug. 13	Lewis Co.	.....A
Aug. 16	EKC Tourn.	.....A
Aug. 19	George Rogers Clark	.....H
Aug. 21	East Carter	.....A
Aug. 26	West Carter	.....A
Sept. 2	Powell County	.....H
Sept. 4	Fleming County	.....H
Sept. 9	Magoffin County	.....H
Sept. 11	Lee County	.....A
Sept. 13	Dink Scott Mem. Tny.	.....H
Sept. 18	East Carter	.....H
Sept. 22	Ashland Blazer	.....A
Sept. 23	West Carter	.....H
Sept. 25	RussellH
Sept. 30	Montgomery Co.A
Oct. 2	Fleming CountyA
Oct. 7	Rowan CountyH

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Purnell pleased with effort, attitude after first scrimmage

Curd to Dunn pass play, Nickell interception for TD highlight exhibition

By David Patrick

Morgan County opened its preseason football schedule with a 21-19 loss to Allen Central. But the final score was not the top priority of the scrimmage as first year coach Jake Purnell got a much-needed look at his players in game situations.

"Overall, I thought our kids played well," said Purnell on Tuesday. "Our first string was outstanding and put forth a great effort. The second and third string kids were not as prepared as I'd hoped they'd be. But it's just a matter of those kids getting reps in game situations."

The Cougars showed flashes of brilliance on both sides of the ball. Morgan's first touchdown was set up by a 60-yard pass play from Jared Curd to Cameron Dunn to put the ball inside the Central 10 yard line. From there, Ryan Flannery scored on a perfectly executed sweep to give his team a 6-0 lead.

"Cameron Dunn keeps telling me that he's not that fast," said Purnell of his wide receiver. "Personally, I don't think he gives himself enough credit. He

caught about a 20 yard pass and ran 40 yards downfield. That's an impressive run."

Purnell was equally impressed with the Cougar defense — with the first team giving up just one score.

"Our defense came out early and set the tone," Purnell said. "Central really couldn't get anything going against our first string. When our starters were on the field, Central struggled to

move the football."

The defensive play of the game was turned in by first-year player Joel Nickell, who intercepted a pass and took it 60 yards the other way for the Cougars' second touchdown. The "D" came up big again late in the fourth quarter. Faced with a first and goal from their own five yard line, the Cougars held Allen Central out of the end zone on six consecutive plays from scrimmage. Darren Keeton made the big play of the series with a tackle on the two-yard line to turn the ball back over to the Cougars.

No end to the numbers as football roster triples

By David Patrick

If the preseason excitement is any indication for what the regular season holds, Morgan County fans could be in for a treat. Coach Jake Purnell's optimism is highly contagious in the Cougar camp. In what started with 20 players attending summer workouts has tripled to nearly 60.

So, is there any end in sight to the new player turnout?

From the looks of things, not

anytime soon.

"I think it's great because these are kids who will help us win," Purnell said. "And from what I hear, there are even more kids wanting to play. The enthusiasm is unreal in the classrooms and hallways at school. Everybody is talking about football."

And it is football talk that is generating the overwhelming number of student-athletes..

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MCMS hangs on to win, almost!



Photo by Neal Barker

Kody Thornsberry (with ball) provided big lift for Cougar offense, leading the team with 101 yards rushing.

their defense would be able to contain the other team's very contrasting offensive styles: The

Cougars running their Double Wing offense, with everybody in

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Clyde and Christine Lewis

Lewis family reunion August 30, Rodburn Park

The children of Clyde and Christine Lewis are hosting a family reunion on Saturday, August 30, at Rodburn Park, Morehead, Kentucky. Family and friends are invited to bring a covered dish and spend the day visiting and sharing memories. A day of food, fellowship, and fun is planned including games for all ages: horseshoes, cornhole (for adults and children), jumping rope, hopscotch, and others.

Clyde and Christine were married in Morgan County in 1926. Thirteen of their sixteen children survive: Emma, Maxine, Nannie, Darrell, Goldie, Bernard, Clyde Jr., Richard, Leatha, Jimmy, Steve, Dreama, and Connie. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered are Arlie, Chester, and Mary.

We look forward to your presence as we reminisce, catch up on the latest news, meet the newest babies, and enjoy one another's company. (pd)

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Davis Reunion Sat., Sept. 6

The families of the late Tom, John, Andrew, Bruce & Allie & Lillie Davis will be having their family reunion Saturday, September 6, 2008 at the Assembly of Faith Church, Hwy. 519 • West Liberty, Ky. All family and friends are invited. Dinner will be served at 12:00. For more information contact Burlin & Mary Davis @ 743-3869.

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Extension Notes

Mark your calendar for the following important dates:

- This is a reminder that our first Homemaker lesson workshop will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, in the conference room at the Morgan County Extension Office. Please be sure your club is represented well. Also, remember these workshops are open to anyone interested in the topic. So, invite all your members and non-members (family, neighbors or friends) to attend with you. The more the merrier! This session will be taught by Ashley Hampton, the new FCS agent from Menifee County, and I know you will enjoy the session.

- Morgan County fair exhibits will be held 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the fairgrounds. Catalogs are available at the office. We will be having a homemaker display to recruit, so try to attend and/or volunteer to man the display.

- Program planning (the pink sheet) will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22. Be sure your club has at least one representative. Remember, these dates can be day trips, special interest sessions and/or workshops. Please attend with a list of ideas to share during the meeting.

- The Morgan County Extension Homemaker Council meeting will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28. Dinner will be catered for all attending, so call ahead by Aug. 22 to let us know how many from your club will be attending. We will have time for dinner and then meet. Officer training for club presidents and vice presidents will follow. We will be mindful of your time and keep on the agenda.

- The Morgan County Extension Council recognition and pot luck dinner will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the extension office.

- Officer training for club secretaries and treasurers will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28. (Again, dinner will be catered, so

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- Field Day at Robinson Station at Quicksand will be held Sept. 25. Call the office for details. We will be participating and hope you and your families will as well. I know it is right before the festival, but...

- The Morgan County Sorghum Festival will be held Sept. 25-29. Thanks for helping host and/or recruit hosts for the festival to be of service to the vendors. Your time is valuable to this community/county.

• "Our Treasured Belong-

ings... Ties That Bind" Leader Training will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

- The area fall meeting will be held in Bath County this year with a theme: "Home Grown." Registration will be \$13. Morgan County is in charge of Cultural Arts, along with Fleming County. Encourage members to send items for display and judging. I am not sure of the registration deadline, but it is first come, first served. So, if you and your members plan to attend, please let me know soon. It always falls around festival time, and we get busy.

This is an evening meeting and close enough for those who work to attend this year! Let's have a great Morgan County crowd. Georgia Stamper, author, newspaper columnist, PRN radio show personality, will be the speaker and her topic will be "Home Grown Girl."

Words of Wisdom

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Huge cabbage!

Mrs. Maxine Adkins, of Highway 172, stopped by The Courier Office recently with this huge hybrid-type cabbage head she and her husband, Donald, grew in their vegetable garden this season. The cabbage weighed 21 pounds. Mrs. Adkins said their cabbage had done really well, as did other vegetables in their garden. She has made plenty of kraut, and has had cabbage to share with her neighbors.

Advice on how to cope with rising natural gas prices

Kentucky consumers can take a number of steps to reduce their natural gas usage or to soften the impact of gas costs. They include:

Budget billing. This option allows customers to pay the same amount each month, based on their average monthly usage during the year. Customers should contact their utility for more information.

Energy conservation measures. Simple steps such as turning down thermostats on furnaces (most people are comfortable at 68 degrees) and water heaters (120 degrees is hot enough for nearly all uses) can be big energy savers.

Energy audits. Many local utilities offer home energy audits at little or no cost to consumers. These audits can identify energy-wasting trouble spots and provide information on how to correct the problems.

Weatherization. Consumers can do a number of things to reduce inflows of cold air and leakage of warm air, particularly around windows and doors. Some basic weatherization steps include:

- Use caulk or weather stripping to seal cracks around windows, doors, pipes and other

points where cold air can enter the home. This alone can reduce heating costs by 10 percent or more.

- Add insulation in attics, crawl spaces and walls.

- Cover windows, especially those with single-pane glass, with storm windows or plastic sheeting before the onset of cold weather.

- Clean or replace furnace filters monthly to improve airflow and efficiency.

Advice on conserving energy, including links to a wide range of information, also is available from the Kentucky Division of Energy Efficiency and Conservation, on the web at <http://www.energy.ky.gov/dre3/tips/>.

Weatherization assistance for low-income families is available in Kentucky. Many utilities offer weatherization assistance in conjunction with local social service agencies. Local social service agencies also offer assistance through a state program administered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. For information on weatherization assistance, go to <http://chfs.ky.gov/debs/weatherization.htm>.

Low-income consumers may qualify for assistance with their heating bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). It is administered at the local level by community action agencies. Consumers who do not qualify for LIHEAP may be eligible for assistance through programs sponsored by their utility company or programs operated by local social service organizations. Consumers should contact their utility for more information. Information about LIHEAP is available on the web at <http://chfs.ky.gov/debs/dfs/LIHEAP.htm>.

For general information about cutting heating costs, utility issues or for assistance with resolving consumer disputes with utilities, contact the PSC by calling 800-772-4636 or go to the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

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Purnell has been vocal from the outset that Morgan County can play winning football. Not only is he convincing the players, but also the administration.

"Jake believes in his system and especially his players," Morgan County Athletic Director Chris Trusty said. "Attitude wise, this program has done a complete turnaround from this time last year. There's nobody making excuses or being negative. That's all been replaced with confidence that we can win football games. The kid see that from Coach Purnell and are quick to jump on board."

Another noticeable trait of this year's team is the discipline. In the first scrimmage, only two penalty flags were thrown against the Cougars. Trusty sees that as a sign of players respecting and buying into what their coach is preaching.

"Jake believes his team should play a disciplined brand of football," Trusty said. "You won't see any foolishness or bad attitudes on the field. He believes the layers should carry themselves in a way that will bring respect to Morgan County. He's really cut from the same cloth as Randy Wood. Jake wants to win, but more importantly, he wants to do it the right way. The kids appreciate that."

Quotable Quote
Whatever you want to do, do it now. There are only so many tomorrows.

Michael Landon

The Morgan County Athletics Department announces its new website. Coaches will be adding data and MCHS Athletics Director Chris Trusty reports that news/notes and stories about what's happening in Morgan County athletics will be posted. Go to www.cougarathletics.net

Words To Live By

When we accept tough jobs as a challenge to our ability and wade into them with joy and enthusiasm, miracle can happen. When we do our work with a dynamic conquering spirit, we get things done. —Gilbert Arland

Words Of Wisdom

The mind is a bit like a garden. If it isn't fed and cultivated, weeds will take over.

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The Morgan County ARH Relay for Life team put on a circus as part of their activities.

Relay raises over \$33,000 ...

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erry, Commercial Bank, Grassley Auto Parts, Morgan County ARH, The Citizens Bank, The Wells Group, Licking Valley RECC, Mountain Telephone, Frederick & May and Dr. Robert Henderson.

Committee members included Chair Ashley Lykins, Vice Chair Maria Motley, April McClain, Angie Stacy, Carol Adkins, Joe Conley, Terry Conley, Mary Fyffe Downey, Tommy Conley, William Dan LeMaster, Robin Conley, Mark Walter, Belinda Jordan and Tim Conley.

This year's top money raising team was Mountain Telephone. Other teams included Commercial Bank, the Conley family, Country Carpet and Morgan County ARH.

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Water Lines ...

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The Morgan County Water District office is located at 408 Prestonsburg Street in the former Kennedy Library building. The staff is available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer any questions and assist with signups. For any additional information, call the office at 743-1204.

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WIA program helps Myra Whisman overcome financial and personal obstacles to become a registered nurse

By Shawn Hopkins,
EKCEP, Inc.

A life-changing inspiration can strike at any time or place. For Myra Whisman, it happened in 1995 in the middle of a Morgan County laundromat during an especially decisive laundry day. "It hit me that I needed to go back to school," Myra said. She dreamed of entering a medical career, but more than 12 years would pass before she earned a college degree and became a registered nurse. Along the way, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program was there to give Myra the personal and financial support she needed to make that dream a reality.

As a public health nurse with the Gateway District Health Department in Rowan County, Myra now enjoys a good salary, a good work environment, and the good feeling she gets from helping people avoid illness and hospital visits. But the road that led her where she is now was rocky and winding.

After she finished high school in 1987, Myra attended Morehead State University (MSU) for about half a semester to study nursing. But she was not ready for college and had just gotten married. So she dropped out. "I decided I would play house," Myra said. That house filled quickly. In 1995, Myra was 26 years old with a husband and three kids, including a three-month-old daughter. She had been doing her best to help her husband support the family by working in fast food and other minimum-wage jobs. During her moment of inspiration in the laundromat, Myra realized she would never have the better life she hoped for without finishing her education. When she set out on that journey, she could not have known how long it would be until the day a 38-year-old Myra tearfully accepted her associate's degree in registered nursing from MSU.

That day might not have happened at all without help from the Gateway Community Action Agency (CAA) and its WIA program. Gateway delivers WIA programs in Morgan and Menifee counties under contract with Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP). The Gateway CAA office in West Liberty is also an access point for the JobSight network, a collaborative partnership of workforce and training agencies administered by EKCEP in 23 Eastern Kentucky counties. WIA Career Adviser Sidney Castle helped Myra access financial assistance that allowed her to overcome major challenges that had slowed her progress toward her degree. "She had the desire. She had the determination. She just didn't have the financial means," Sidney said. Myra had been taking classes when she could afford them and when she could fit them around her parenting and work schedules.

In 2004, she hit a roadblock too big to surmount on her own when she learned she was going to be laid off from her job as a clerk at the Gateway District Health Department's West Liberty branch. "I even refinanced my home because I knew I was going to be out of a job," Myra said. Although she understood the layoff was unavoidable because of budget cuts and other factors, she was scared she might lose everything.

Myra said she now considers that layoff a blessing because it increased her determination to finish school, and her desperation led her to Sidney's door. "When she came to us she was just at her wit's end," Sidney said. "She said, 'Sidney, if I can't get some help I'm going to drop out.'" Sidney told Myra WIA could offer her tuition assistance to supplement her financial aid. Myra learned WIA could also help her pay for books and uniforms, and cover the costs of meals and the daily commute from West Liberty to Morehead associated with her college experience.

The extra help through WIA was what Myra needed to put all her focus on finishing work toward her degree. "If it wasn't for the WIA program I wouldn't

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Myra Whisman talks on the phone in an examination room at the Rowan County Health Center, where she works as a public health nurse. Whisman was able to obtain an associate's degree in nursing from Morehead State University with financial help from Gateway Community Action Agency's (CAA) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program. Gateway CAA delivers WIA programs in Morgan and Menifee Counties under contract with Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP).



Myra Whisman (right) chats with Sidney Castle (left), her Gateway Community Action Agency (CAA) Workforce Investment Act (WIA) career adviser, in an examination room at the Rowan County Health Center where she works as a public health nurse. Whisman was able to obtain an associate's degree in nursing from Morehead State University with financial help from WIA and Castle's encouragement. Gateway CAA delivers WIA programs in Morgan and Menifee Counties under contract with Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP).

have been able to finish nursing," Myra said. Before she finished, however, life hit Myra with one more hard right turn. Her brother, Clay Williams, died suddenly in January 2007, just two days into her final semester. Myra said the only classes she missed were during the funeral, but she was so upset she could not focus on her coursework and could barely take a test. Failing classes that se-

mester meant she could never enter the nursing program again, so she chose to temporarily withdraw.

But Sidney refused to let Myra give up. She convinced her to get counseling to deal with her grief and return to finish school the following semester. "How could you give up a dream you've been working years to achieve?" Sidney said. She told

Myra that her brother—like Myra's husband and kids—supported her quest for a degree and would have wanted to see her finish. When Myra finally graduated in December 2007, she became the first of her mother's children to obtain a college degree. "When I went across the stage and got pinned, I knew that I'd finally succeeded at what I was trying to do," she said. "It was awesome and there were a bunch of tears."

Myra's example was not lost on her kids. Her oldest son, Robbie, is 19 and studying communications at MSU. Her middle son, 17-year-old Aaron, is still in high school but also taking night college classes through MSU.

While still in college, Myra had continued her relationship with the Gateway District Health Department by doing contract work for the facility. Health district officials told Myra they would try to find a job for her if she earned her degree. Fortunately for Myra, the health district planned to open a new facility in Rowan County, and Myra was hired as a public health nurse there in January 2008. Myra has since passed her nursing board examinations—paid for with WIA's help—and is taking online courses to obtain her bachelor's degree in nursing.

Myra said she hopes her story will help raise awareness of the WIA program. She said reading a newspaper story about another successful WIA participant helped her find out about the program in 2004. And she is sure others are out there who feel just like she did in that laundromat more than 12 years ago. Those who want to go back to school but feel like life has closed that door should see if WIA can help, Myra said. "You're never too old to learn. If you want to do it, go do it," she said.

Sidney said Myra is an excellent example of how WIA can change the lives of those who really want something better for themselves. "Myra always had the desire and determination," Sidney said. "WIA gave her the opportunity and she took that opportunity and succeeded." For more information on Workforce Investment Act services available in Morgan County, contact Sidney Castle at Gateway Community Action Agency at 606-743-4141. In Menifee County, contact Doug Elam at 606-768-2369.

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Morgan Co. schools homework hotline

Morgan County schools homework hotline numbers are as follows: Morgan County Middle School, 743-8118; East Valley Elementary School, 522-8185; Ezel Elementary School, 725-8208; Morgan Central Elementary School, 743-8433; and West Liberty Elementary School, 743-8427.

Gateway WIA program offering following services

Between the ages of 18-21? Ready to make a difference in your life? The Gateway WIA program is now offering the following services to residents of Morgan and Menifee Counties: Work Readiness Skills, Attending College for short term training, Life skills training, Obtaining work experience, Parenting skills, Financial planning. If interested call Karen at (606) 743-4141, ext. 101 today to see if you qualify.

Attention women ages 40-64

If you are a Kentucky resident, have no insurance, if you have never had a mammogram or it has been two years or more since your last mammogram, you may qualify for a screening and will receive a \$10 Wal Mart card to spend how you wish. Call Morgan County Health Department at 743-3744, and ask for an appointment today!! Funding provided by: Kentucky Cancer Progra, Susan G. Komen and Gateway District Health Department.

Farm equipment for rent to Morgan farm owners

Morgan County Conservation District has for rent an Aerator, two Renovators, an Ag Sprayer, and a fertilizer/lime spreader to farm owners in Morgan County. Please contact the conservation district at (606) 743-3194, if you have any questions about renting this equipment, or stop by the office at 955 Prestonsburg Street, Suite #2, West Liberty, Ky. 41472. C-tf

Morgan Christian Acad. needs old cell phones and ink cartridges

The Morgan County Christian Academy is collecting used, no longer needed, cell phones and used printer cartridges. The Academy is doing this as an effort to recycle. So please, if you have any used cell phones or ink cartridges, call the school at 743-1824 or drop them off at the school at Index.

C-8-23-tf

Service times at Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 E. Main Street, in Jackson, meets at 10 a.m. for Saturday worship, and at 6 p.m. for Tuesday Bible study. Everyone welcome. C-1-8-tf

Henry Cemetery Notice

Donations are needed for the mowing and upkeep of the Henry Cemetery, located at Index. Please send to Dearl Dykes, Treasurer, 334 S. Howard Street, Sabina, Ohio 45169. C-3-27-tf

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Morgan County History Museum. We need volunteers that can work a few hours a week at the museum. Days needed are Tuesday and Friday. We are open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Any help will be appreciated. C-1-31-tf

Saturday night services at Zag Community Ch.

Church services are held on the first Saturday of each month at Zag Community Church, located one mile off Hwy. 519 on Hwy. 976. The pastor, Bro. Donald Cox, assistant pastor, Bro. J.R. Keeton, and congregation invite everyone to come out and join us. Services start at 7 p.m. C-6-5-TF

Woodsbend-May family reunion slated Aug. 30

The Woodsbend-May reunion will be Saturday, Aug. 30, beginning at 3 p.m., at Steve May's farm, at Woodsbend. Bring a covered dish and drink. For information call Garretta, 743-4901. C-7-31-TF

Spencer reunion set August 17th

Spencer (Dee and Bertha) reunion, potluck, home place, Caney, Aug. 17. C-8-7-TF

Sunday school class at Tom's Branch Church

Tom's Branch Community Church is proud to announce Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a.m., under the direction of Brother Ronnie Poe. We would like to invite everyone to come out and bring the children that they may learn about Jesus in a fun filled atmosphere.

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Reduce Your Debt financial classes slated

"Reduce Your Debt!" Dave Ramsey's course on how to achieve Financial Peace by saving money for purchases and emergencies, getting out of debt, planning for retirement and college and much more is being offered free through the Financial Partners Program at Gateway Community Action Agency. Classes as well as one on one financial counseling sessions are free and available to everyone. A new class will be starting in Morgan County on Tuesday, April 1, at the Morgan Central Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in the class or would like more information, please contact Wendy Crain-Lawson at (606) 783-0362 or by email at wendy.crain@gescap.org. Literacy activities and supervision will be provided for children through the Reading First Grant. Snacks will be provided for children and participants by Morgan Central Elementary.

AA meetings slated for each Sunday evening

AA meetings are being held each Sunday at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the county government building. For more information or directions, call 606-743-1210.

MCHS Class of 1968 40th reunion Sept. 27

The Morgan County High School Class of 1968 reunion committee announces that the 40th reunion will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Technology Center at Index. Please return your registration letter as quickly as possible so we can have an attendance count. If you have any questions please contact Wilma Bradley Ison at 743-7728, Pam Reed Risner at 743-7806 or Patty Caskey Ross at 725-5791. C-6-5-TF

Attention MCHS Class of 1998

Morgan County High School Class of 1998 members are cordially invited to attend a 10 year class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 27 (Sorghum Festival weekend), at West Liberty Elementary School, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by sending \$10 per person to: Tiffany Buchanan Bradley, 1922 Hwy. 1010, Ezel, Ky. 41425. C-7-31-8t

Nickell family picnic cancelled this year

The Jim and Linda Nickell annual family and friends picnic will not be held this year. Thank you.

1968 MCHS class reunion set Sept. 27

The Class of 1968 forty-fifth reunion is scheduled for Sept. 27, and letters were mailed out. The following notices have been returned because of incorrect address: Hershell Paul Hamilton, Kayrene Lou Collins Elkins, Doug Gevedon, Hazel Blair Rickett, Linda Holliday Boyd, Buff Litteral, Ralph Scott Benton, Darrell Cole, Ben R. McClain, Andrew Jones, Willard Allen, Kathleen Joy Wright, and Donald Hale. If you know the address or phone number of any of these classmates, please contact Wilma Ison at 743-7728. C-7-31-2t

Class of 1958 reunion set Saturday, Sept. 27

The class of 1958 will meet on Saturday, Sept. 27, for a class reunion. We will meet at the West Liberty Masonic Lodge Hall at 7 p.m. (next to the Baptist Church). We are looking forward to seeing you at the reunion. Come join in, it will be a great experience. Fifty years does not come but two times in a century!

Reunion Committee

C-8-7-TF

Korea School reunion slated Sunday, Aug. 31

The Korea School reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Menifee County Park, Shelter #1, in Frenchburg. For more information, contact David Crain, 649 Highway 746, Wellington, Ky. 40387, or call (606) 768-3776.

C-8-7-TF

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C-8-14-TF

Anti-drug groups monthly meetings

Local anti-drug groups meet the first Wednesday of every month in the county government building's fiscal court room at the following times: ASAP, 12 p.m.; UNITE, 1 p.m.; and Champions, 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend these meetings and participate in group activities.

C-5-15-TF

Salyer Cemetery notice

Dues for the upkeep of Salyer Cemetery are due. The cost has gone up considerably to mow and maintain the cemetery and collections were down last year. Perpetual care plans are available. Any contributions will be appreciated. Please send payment to Tony Adkins, 837 Old Hwy. 172, West Liberty, KY 41472.

Demolition Derby to be included in County Fair

B & M Motorsports, of Danville, will be in charge of the ever popular Demolition Derby at this year's Morgan County Agricultural Fair. The derby is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Recent renovations to a section of the fair grounds will provide a new and improved derby ring, constructed complete with concrete barriers and new lighting. The derby will be governed by K.A.F.H.S. Demo Derby Point Series.

A complete list of 2008 Demo Derby rules may be obtained at local parts houses or other area businesses, or by contacting Jackie, (859) 987-4539 (home), or (859) 227-1002 (mobile). Rules may also be viewed online at www.mudrace.com.

Morgan County Fair Pageants slated

The Morgan County Fair Baby Show, Pre-Teen, Teen, and Miss pageants have been slated for Saturday, Aug. 23, at Morgan Central Elementary. Pre-Teen, Teen, and Miss pageants will begin at 1 p.m. Pre-register Saturday, Aug. 16, at Morgan County Fairgrounds from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

For additional information on the baby show, contact Sherry Day, 743-1274; Pre-Teen, contact Pam Mays, 743-4560; Teen and Miss, contact Pam Lykins, 743-4871. C-7-24-4t

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Benefit for elderly lady set Aug. 23rd

A benefit to raise money to for repairs and to make the Fannin family's home handicap accessible, has been set for Saturday, Aug. 23, at Zag Community Church, starting at 2 p.m. Menu will consist of your choice of a spaghetti dinner, or soup beans, hotdogs, desserts, and soft drinks.

An auction and singing by the McKinney Family will follow the meal. Everyone is encouraged to come out and help this family in need.

C-8-14-2t

Dog Show slated Aug. 21 during County Fair

The Morgan County Fair Dog Show is slated for Thursday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m., at Morgan County Fairgrounds. Over \$1,500 in prizes will be given away during the dog show. Don't miss this event!

Clothing Give Away

Gateway Community action Agency will be having a clothing giveaway on Friday, Aug. 29. It will be in the parking lot behind the Gateway Community Action building, located at 124 College Street, West Liberty. If it rains it will be in the waiting room of the building. The giveaway will begin at 9 a.m. and will end at 3 p.m. We have some children's and men's clothing but the majority of the clothing are for adult women. Everyone is welcome to come and see if you can use any of these items. If you have questions please call Pam Sorrell at 743-3133.

C-8-14-3t

28th annual Holbrook reunion Sunday, Aug. 31

The 28th annual Holbrook reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 31, at Natural Bridge State Park, at Slade, shelter #2 at the sky lift. The reunion will begin at 10 a.m. A potluck lunch will be served. Activities will include horseshoes, corn hole, and bingo. For additional information, call Earl Holbrook at (606) 743-4135. C-8-7-4t

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Burchett reunion slated Sat., Sept. 6

The Burchett reunion is slated for Saturday, Sept. 6, at Bruin Shelter at Grayson Lake. A potluck dinner will be served. Everyone welcome.

C-8-14-4t

Lindon reunion set Sunday, Aug. 31st

The Lindon reunion will be held at Natural Bridge State Park, at Slade, Shelter #3, on Sunday, Aug. 31. Dinner will be served at noon. Come, bring a covered dish, and enjoy the day.

C-8-14-3t

Fyffe-Ball reunion slated August 31

The Fyffe-Ball reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 31, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Community Center, in West Liberty. McCoy Grass Band, of Fairborn, Ohio, Lundy Wright and Gary Ball Band will be entertaining. Other singers/musicians are invited to participate. Everyone welcome. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day with family and friends.

C-8-14-3t

Open House at Cub Scout Pack 111 Aug. 26

Cub Scout Pack 111, of West Liberty, will be having an open house and scout sign-up night on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the West Liberty Christian Church. The sign-ups will start at 6:30 p.m. Boys who are in 1st thru 5th grades are invited to come and see what Cub Scouting is all about!

If your son is interested in camping (our Cub Scouts camped 18 days last year); Fishing; Hiking; Building Race Car; learning how to pitch a tent, learning how to use a map and compass, learning outdoor skills; earning award then Cub Scouting is the place to be! For more information, please contact Shannon Elam, at 743-4648.

C-8-7-3t

Class of 1955 to gather for reunion Sept. 26

The MCHS Class of 1955 will be having an informal class reunion at Pattie's Place Monday, Aug. 25, at 5 p.m. Anyone who would like to help plan for reunion should attend. Bring old pictures to add to a surprise display. Call 743-7728 for more information.

C-8-14-6t

Adkins-Trimble reunion scheduled August 31

The annual Adkins-Trimble reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 31, at the large shelter at Old Mill Park. Bring a covered dish and come join the fun. For more information, call 743-1193.

C-8-14-3t

Championship wrestling September 6 in Ashland

Ohio Championship Wrestling will return to the National Guard Armory in Ashland on Saturday, Sept. 6, starting at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Ticket information available at www.newocw.com.

C-8-14-3t

Commercial Bank closed Sept. 1 for Labor Day

Commercial Bank will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

C-8-21-2T

Attention parents of special needs children

Parents of children with special needs... do you want to talk to other parents of children with special needs? Would you like someone to listen to your concerns? Do you want to know more? Come join our meetings Tuesday, Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m., at Gateway Community Services, Glenn Avenue, West Liberty. Contact person: Patti Elam, (606) 743-7223.

C-8-14-3t

Services at Lick Branch Baptist Ch. this wknd

There will be worship services at Lick Branch Enterprise Baptist Church on August 23 and 24. The business meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by worship service at 7 p.m. Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and every Sunday night at 6 p.m. Bro. Joe O

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McCain scores most points in faith-oriented forum

But Obama probably helped himself too

By Al Cross

As Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama prepared for their back-to-back interviews by pastor Rick Warren at his Saddleback Church in Orange County, Calif., NBC News Political Director Chuck Todd wrote in his "First Read" column: "This is a HUGE opportunity for Obama. Time and again, he has been more open to talking about his relationship with God, while McCain has been more reticent on the topic." And on CNN before the first interview, Tony Perkins of the socially conservative Family Research Council said "Obama has the most to gain," and McCain "needs to shore up his support among evangelicals."

But the interviews were not so much inquiries about faith as they were conversations on big issues like war, taxes and education. And while Obama was more of a conversationalist with Warren, McCain directed his remarks at the audience, and scored repeatedly with plain, direct statements. Obama was more about nuance. For example, when asked if evil exists and of how it should be dealt with, McCain chose the option, "Defeat it" and Obama said evil can't be eliminated. "That is God's task," he said, "but we can be soldiers in the process."

That was one of many times the candidates dropped in religious references. McCain had twice as many applause lines as Obama, and not because the church crowd was out of sync with Obama on social issues; three of his dozen or so applause lines came during his discussion of marriage. (Obama was interviewed first; McCain was in a

room where he could not hear the conversation, but they shook hands between interviews, making this their first joint appearance.)

While McCain got better reviews and likely gained the most, by solidifying his conservative evangelical base, Obama also helped himself. For many viewers, this was their best chance yet to take the measure of a man many of them are not quite sure about. And because many evangelicals are moderate, Obama's mix of faith and issue positions probably helped him with such voters.

That is more likely outside the South, where the Southern Baptist Convention (once a doctrinaire supporter of the separation of church and state) and many of its churches have become powerful messengers of social conservatism and activist politics. (Counties where Southern Baptists dominate are shown in red on map from the Glenmary Center.) CNN's Dana Bash said before the interviews that Obama's main targets are evangelicals in small-town Ohio and Pennsylvania. Those are big, Northern states where he did not do well in primaries, and Pennsylvania was on his mind when he made the famous comment about bitter small-town voters.

Bash displayed her lack of understanding of the candidates' religion when she said McCain "belongs to a Baptist church, but has not been baptized yet." That's a Southern Baptist church in Phoenix she was talking about, and you don't join one of those churches without being baptized — or transferring your membership from a church that baptized you.

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notes that "Adkins who touts his involvement in 'executive management with different companies' as grounds for election has spent the past decade in chronic breach of contracts . . . The resulting judgments against him amount to more than \$185,000 and multiple evictions."

The court records reviewed by The Independent date back to 1997 and include civil actions lodged against Adkins in Pulaski, Rowan, and Morgan counties for failure to pay for goods and services and failure to honor lease rental agreements, resulting in numerous evictions and default judgments against him and/or companies he owns or owned.

Morgan County court records cited in The Independent's lengthy article show that:

"A forcible detainer complaint was filed against Adkins in May of 2002. According to Morgan County court documents, Adkins failed to pay rent on office space in downtown West Liberty from January 2002 to May 2002. He was given written notice to vacate the space on April 12, 2002. He did not comply. The case was dismissed when Adkins paid all arrearages.

"However, soon after, in October of 2002, another forcible detainer complaint was filed in Morgan County court alleging that Adkins had again failed to pay rent for the same office space. The landlord, Dr. Randy Steele, also stated that Adkins would not return his phone calls. Adkins was evicted and given seven days to vacate.

"And the complaints kept coming.

"In January of 2003, Arlene Wells and her late husband Len Gibson, both of Ezel, Ky. in Morgan County, filed a forcible detainer complaint against Adkins in Morgan County court. According to court documents, Adkins had not paid his monthly rent of \$1,994.15 on a house in West Liberty for nearly two years. The arrearages totalled \$43,620.92 . . .

"According to Wells, Adkins had also altered the home's floorplan without permission in such a way that he could rent a portion of the house to his own tenants, which he had been doing for an undetermined length of time. The forcible detainer was granted and Adkins was evicted.

Wells, she says, has never received payment from Adkins.

"Frederick & May Lumber Company, Inc., of West Liberty filed a complaint against Adkins in Morgan County court in August 2003. Adkins, doing business as Advance Company Management, charged \$16,843.82 worth of merchandise from the supplier and never paid. Gordon B. Long, a Salyersville attorney who represented Frederick & May, says Adkins has yet to reimburse his client.

"In December 2003, Davco Steel of Danville, Ky., lodged a small claims complaint against Adkins in Morgan County. Adkins, doing business as MAS Management, owed Davco \$1,675.51 plus interest and fees for materials purchased in 2000. According to the complaint, Adkins 'has been contacted numerous times and always promises to pay the balance and has not.'

"A default judgement was granted in favor of Davco for \$2,515.55. Adkins again failed to pay. In September of 2004, an order was filed to garnish Adkins' account at Bank of the Mountains in West Liberty. The account was empty.

"Adkins was evicted for at least the third time in July of 2004. The Morgan County court found him in violation of a ver-

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The more we learn about cancer, the more we learn that many cancers are preventable through lifestyle choices.

More than 565,000 Americans will die of cancer in 2008 alone. Yet according to the National Cancer Institute, at least two-thirds of the cases of cancer are caused by environmental factors. Many of these cancers are linked to lifestyle choices that can be modified such as cigarette smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, poor diet, physical inactivity and being overweight, excessive sunlight exposure, and sexual behavior that increases exposure to certain viruses.

But many people are not equipped with enough information to prevent cancer, and the levels of awareness differ from region to region.

For example, a large number of American women aged 18 and older have never heard of HPV (Human Papillomavirus), even though it is the leading cause of cervical cancer. In Kentucky and West Virginia, estimates of awareness of HPV are low, according to a Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS).

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Central Appalachia, and the major preventable cause is tobacco use. Yet, Kentucky and West Virginia rank Nos. 1 and 2 for the highest rates of current adult smokers and further, both states rate low on estimates of knowledge of the smoking-cancer link, according to HINTS.

bal lease with Nathaniel Whitt of Clearfield, Ky., when he failed to pay several months' rent on a home in West Liberty. Adkins was given written notice to vacate the property in May 2004. He did not comply and was subsequently evicted.

"More recently, Michael Adkins was summoned to Morgan County small claims court in May of this year after a complaint was filed by J.A. Oldfield & Sons, Inc. Oldfield's, a farm supply store in Mize, Ky., was seeking reimbursement for a riding lawnmower that Adkins purchased on credit in 2004. According to store management, Adkins still has not settled the debt and the Rt. 7 address he gave as his place of residence belongs only to the burnt remnants of what appears to have been a barn."

Jay Blanton, Gov. Steve Beshear's communications director, told The Independent the Governor does not endorse Michael Adkins and does not plan on making an endorsement in the 25th district senate race.

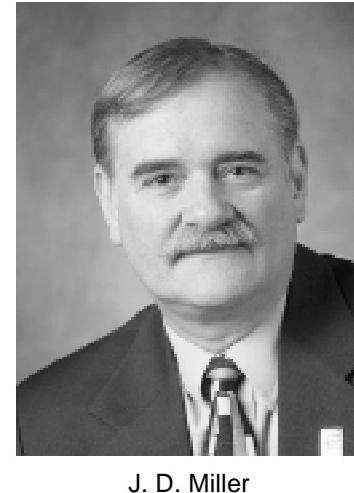
The Independent noted that "Adkins did not respond to requests for comment."



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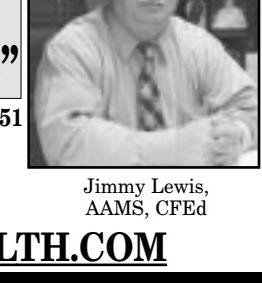
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Case No. 07-CI-00212
First Federal Savings And Loan Association of Morehead, Plaintiff
vs.
Nicholas Shawn Goodpaster, ET AL, Defendants

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Morgan Circuit Court, entered on the 19th day of June, 2008, in the above styled action, Hon. Robert L. Caummisar, Master Commissioner of the Morgan Circuit Court, shall proceed to offer for sale, under the following terms and conditions, at the front door of the Courthouse, West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 22nd day of August, 2008, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in the State of Kentucky, County of Morgan and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at an apple tree standing on top of the bluff at the northeast corner of said tract of land; thence running with the pipe line a southwest course to the top of the hill at C.F. Cox line; thence with said Goodpaster line to a W.A. Goodpaster line; thence with said Goodpaster line to a pine stump, being a corner between W.A. Goodpaster and J.M. Munsey and Carter Cox farm; thence with said Munsey's line to J.M. Barker line; thence with J.M. Barker line to the top of the bluff to a set stone; thence to top of bluff and wire fence to beginning, containing 40 acres, more or less.

There is EXCEPTED and previously conveyed from the above described property that property conveyed to Jerry and Deborah Sue Goodpaster, dated October 4, 1977, recorded in Deed Book 147, page 757; that property conveyed to Elba Goodpaster, Jr., and Christina Goodpaster, dated October 4, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 147, page 759; and that property conveyed from Elba Goodpaster, her wife, to Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., dated February 7, 1994, and recorded in Deed Book 164, page 153, all Morgan County Clerk's Office. Being the same property conveyed to Nicholas S. Goodpaster and wife, Nicole Goodpaster, by Deed from Elba Goodpaster, Jr., and wife, Christina Goodpaster, dated March 22, 2005, of record in Deed Book 201, Page 293, Morgan County Clerk's Office.

The aforementioned real estate can not be divided without materially impairing its' value and shall be sold as a whole. The real estate shall be sold on a credit of thirty (30) days, with the privilege of the purchase to pay for bid in cash, then the purchaser shall make a cash down payment in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the purchase price to cover the costs of the judicial sale; and the purchaser shall execute a bond for the remainder of the purchase price, with good surety thereon, to be approved by the Master Commissioner of this Court, and bearing interest at the rate of twelve (12%) percent per annum from the date of the sale, until paid; additionally a lien shall be retained upon the real estate to be sold herein, to secure the payment of the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days of the date of sale upon which execution may be levied by the Master Commissioner of this Court.

In the event that the successful bidder is the Plaintiff to this action, which has been adjudged to have a lien on that particular tract or parcel of real or personal property bid upon, then and in that event, said party shall not be required to make any cash deposit or bond.

If any purchaser at said sale shall fail to immediately make cash payment or execute a bond, then the Commissioner shall declare the next highest bidder the purchaser of the real estate.

Upon default of said deposit of posting a bond, by the purchaser or purchasers, the Master Commissioner shall immediately resell the property upon the same terms and conditions set out herein.

The hereinabove described real property shall be sold free and clear of the claims, interests, liens and encumbrances of all parties herein, except restrictions and easements appearing of record, in the Morgan County Court Clerk's Office.

The risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale. Possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

The Purchaser shall be required to purchase fire and extended coverage insurance on any improvements to the real property, from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full to the extent of the Court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, with a loss clause payable to the Master Commissioner of the Morgan Circuit Court or the Plaintiff herein.

The Defendants, their agents, employees, successors or assigns shall vacate the mortgage premises immediately upon the confirmation of the Master Commissioner's Sale.

The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed such property for the year 2007 and all subsequent years. This property shall be sold subject to any ad valorem and real property taxes not delinquent as of the date of sale.

Hon. Robert L. Caummisar
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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
Commonwealth Of Kentucky
Morgan Circuit Court
Case No. 08-CI-00007

Chase Home Finance, LLC, Successor By Merger To Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiffs vs.

Michael Davis AKA Eddie M. Davis; Debbie F. Davis AKA Debbie L. Davis AKA Debbie Davis AKA Debbie Lee Fannin AKA Debbie Leah Fannin; County Of Morgan; Commonwealth Of Kentucky-Education Cabinet; Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC, Defendants

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Morgan Circuit Court, entered on the 25th day of June, 2008, in the above styled action, Hon. Robert L. Caummisar, Master Commissioner of the Morgan Circuit Court, shall proceed to offer for sale, under the following terms and conditions, at the front door of the Courthouse, West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 22nd day of August, 2008, at the hour of 10:45 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in the State of Kentucky, County of Morgan and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT 1
 BEGINNING at a set stake at the Danny Scurry and Darrell Adams line and going in a southwesterly direction with the Darrell Adams line to a set stake and hollow at the Jones Creek Road; thence going with the Jones Creek Road in a northerly direction to a set stake at the top of the Jones Creek Road hill; thence continuing down the Jones Creek land hill in a northerly direction to a set stake and the Eugene Watson line; thence following the Eugene Watson line in an easterly direction to the Danny Scurry line; thence continuing with the Danny Scurry line in an easterly direction to a set stake and Darrell Adams line and the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Denver L. Stacy and Janice Sue Stacy from Darrell Adams and Ruth Adams by deed dated September 11, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 189 Page 421, Morgan County Court Clerk's Records.

BEGINNING at a beech tree and a stake on the edge of Jones Creek road and running in an easterly direction

minimum cap stamped CURD SURVEYING & ENG. INC. LS 2626" set at the south right of way line Prestonsburg Street (U.S. 460-S.R. 7) 30 feet from the center line and approximately 0.8 mile east of the west junction of U.S. 460-S.R. 7; thence with the south right of way line of Prestonsburg Street for one (1) call:

(1) SOUTH 64° 31' 14" EAST 69.11 FEET to a P.K. nail with washer stamped T. KELLY LS 2926" set at the west right of way line of Dogwood Lane (S.R. 2499), a corner to the parcel conveyed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in Deed Book 102, Page 227; Thence with the west right of way lien of Dogwood Lane for five (5) calls:

(1) SOUTH 25° 37' 34" WEST 22.01 FEET to a found concrete right of way monument,

(2) SOUTH 25° 13' 32" WEST 48.54 FEET to a set rebar with cap,

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Subject to legal highways.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Wright and Sharon Wright, husband and wife, by Deed dated May 2, 2000 in Deed Book 184, Page 805, in the office of the Morgan County Court Clerk.

TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S): 132265

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Commonwealth Of Kentucky
Morgan Circuit Court
Case No. 08-CI-00299

Bank Of The Mountains, Inc., Plaintiffs vs.

Denver Stacy and Janice Sue Stacy, Defendants

Pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale in the Morgan Circuit Court, entered on the 3rd day of March, 2008, in the above styled action, Hon. Robert L. Caummisar, Master Commissioner of the Morgan Circuit Court, shall proceed to offer for sale, under the following terms and conditions, at the front door of the Courthouse, West Liberty, Morgan County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 22nd day of August, 2008, at the hour of 10:15 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in the State of Kentucky, County of Morgan and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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Carlisle, Ohio, schools remember Morgan Co. native Bobby Grigsby

Last year in May, four months after his death at age 67, Morgan County native Bobby Grigsby was honored by more than 60 colleagues, friends and family members in Carlisle, Ohio, where he had served for more than three decades as a teacher, principal, and later as superintendent of the Carlisle School District.

The occasion marked the renaming of the district's intermediate school as the Bobby F. Grigsby Intermediate School in order to preserve the widely-respected educator's name.

Grigsby, who earned education degrees at both Morehead State University and Xavier University, was recognized throughout his life for his winning and upbeat personality, and was remembered as a spirited booster of his colleagues' spirits and a friend to everyone he met.

School board members with whom he had served remembered him as "a very caring family man who did whatever he thought was best for the



Bobby Grigsby

schools." In addition, he served the high school leagues as a basketball official, and was an avid fan of car racing and NASCAR.

Grigsby spent many years as a math teacher, principal of the Intermediate School, and finally as superintendent of the Carlisle schools. Ernie Dalton, a member of the school board, said Grigsby "was wonderful in his involvement with young



people" and with his staff and was a model of hard work making greatness.

Among those attending the dedication ceremonies were his two sons, Henry Joe and wife Kristin and James Franklin and wife Jill, his only grandchild Miranda Ann, and his wife, the former Anna Lee Nickell, who said she well knew what a "wonderful man he was." She said her husband will be remembered for his honesty and his willingness to put out 110 percent no matter what. "He always said what he thought but he never held a grudge," she said, adding that he will also be remembered for his love of NASCAR racing and "that he always had a joke or a story to tell."

A 1957 graduate of Morgan County High School, Grigsby was the son of the late Mattie Conley Grigsby of West Liberty. His wife, Anna Lee, who taught second grade for 31 years before retiring, is a daughter of the late Drexel and Lillian Nickell of West Liberty.

ederal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 29. He will join the hospital and cancer center on Sept. 15.

Mr. McGuire's grandparents, Jay and Phoebe McGuire and Ken and Ethel Brown, were all residents of Matthew, Ky. His parents, Clint and Hazel McGuire, had made their home in Louisville. After Clint passed away, Hazel has become a full time resident of Naples, Florida.

RIDDLES

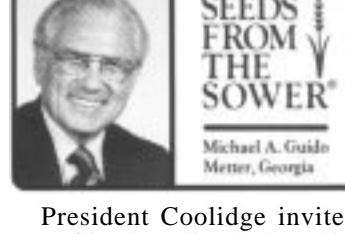
Why did the student eat his homework? The teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

When is it the best time to go to the dentist? Tooth-hurty.

What do you call Batman and Robin if they get hit by a steam roller? Flatman and Robin.

Name three poles? North, South, and Tad.

Want a lose situation? What's the opposite to right? left-wrong.



President Coolidge invited some friends to dine at the White House. Worried about their manners, they decided to do everything the President did.

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Chamber of Commerce members and local officials enjoyed luncheon at MSU at West Liberty prior to address by Congressman Rogers.

Congressman Hal Rogers visits ...

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public water. Now, thanks to Rep. Rogers, approximately 75 percent of the county has access to public water."

Rep. Rogers, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1980, noted that he enjoyed visiting Morgan County before addressing the audience about possible national energy relief strategies.

"It's a pleasure to be back in Morgan County," Rep. Rogers said. "I have a warm spot in my heart for this area. It's great to be away from Washington, D.C. for a little awhile – though my colleagues and I have been trying to get the House speaker to call us back into session from the annual August recess."

Rep. Rogers said he and other House Republicans are currently pushing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) to allow an energy relief vote on lifting the offshore drilling ban in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in an effort to combat record-high gasoline prices.

"There is a chokehold around the country's throat," Rep. Rogers said. "Some of our most bitter enemies in the world are holding oil that we must have to survive. However, in Alaska, on the north slope, there are 10 billion barrels of oil. This is ours, and we need to use only 2,000 acres to drill. It doesn't take much to figure out that we need to use our own oil."

"People in rural areas generally have to drive farther to work. They have lower incomes as well, so their fuel bills are higher than the average person's. Nancy Pelosi's people in San Francisco may not be hurting, but my

people are. She and her minions have shut down the House for fear that Congress will pass a national energy policy."

The representative revealed that while in Pike County the day before, he visited a proposed site for a liquid coal plant – which could develop gasoline and diesel from the state's coal resources. He noted that coal-to-liquid technology is expensive, but "would be feasible considering today's fuel prices."

Rep. Rogers also commented on his efforts to bolster Eastern Kentucky's economy through tourism with his PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment) program.

"I want to thank everyone who has volunteered with PRIDE," Rep. Rogers said. "It is thrilling to see Eastern Kentuckians clean up their own neck of the woods. In the past year, volunteers have removed over 73 old dumps, 3,000 discarded appliances and 7,200 bags of trash.

We have also cleaned up many of our streams through the removal of 37,000 straight pipe waste systems.

"I am amazed at what we have done. Before the PRIDE program was implemented, it was sometimes hard to even recognize Eastern Kentucky – because the region was so covered with trash. We are now able to advertise the area's beauty in national publications, which is providing a boost in tourism."

The congressman said eradicating illegal drugs throughout the region with the Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education) anti-drug program is also essential to cleaning up Eastern Kentucky.



Among those on hand to greet Congressman Hal Rogers at last week's Chamber meeting were, front from left, Commercial Bank President Hank Allen; Mayor Bob Nickell; back from left, Judge Executive Tim Conley, and State Senator Robert Stivers.

"UNITE is working," Rep. Rogers said. "Approximately 2,860 drug pushers have been arrested, with a 90 percent conviction rate. The drug court program, which incorporates the power of incarceration and tough love, is going particularly well. Drug use in Eastern Kentucky is now trailing that of other areas throughout the state. UNITE is saving people's lives."

(The PRIDE and UNITE programs were both initiated by Rep. Rogers, who works to secure funding for the organizations.)

Rep. Rogers concluded his address with a pledge to his Morgan County constituents.

"It's been a great ride," Rep. Rogers said. "You have stayed with me, and I have made many close, personal friends here. I appreciate your support and loyalty, and I will try to help you realize your dreams."



Scion of Morgan folk named cancer center vice president

University of Louisville Hospital/James Graham Brown Cancer Center has announced the appointment of Stephen J. McGuire as vice president for compliance and ethics.

McGuire will retire from his current position as chief administrative law judge for the Fed-



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AREA DEATHS

Garnett Wright



Woodford R. Cox



Garnette Wright of West Liberty, Ky., passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at the Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital, West Liberty, Ky., at the age of 91 years, 6 months, and 13 days. She was born January 29, 1917, in Logan County, W.Va., a daughter of the late William Thomas and Ocie Snodgrass Wallace.

Garnette was a retired sales clerk, a homemaker, was a devout Christian, and a member of the Glenn Avenue Church of God.

In addition to her parents, Garnette was preceded in death by her husband, Houston Cromwell Wright; two grandchildren, Connie Jo Hutchinson and Mark Collinsworth, and three sisters, Gladys Nichols, Blanche Crockett, and JoAnn Balliet.

Garnette is survived by her three children, Mary E. Hutchinson and husband Walter of West Liberty, Ky., Billie Jean Collinsworth and husband Russell of West Liberty, Ky.; David T. Wright, Colorado Springs, Col.; two grandchildren, Rusty Collinsworth and wife Heat and Karen Collinsworth Butts and husband Scott; four great-grandchildren, Chelsea Collinsworth, Kaitlyn Butts, Ryan Collinsworth, and Ashley Butts; two sisters, Pauline Hall, Montgomery, W.Va., and Jean Greathouse, Ivydale, W.Va., and one brother, Billy Wallace, St Johns, Arizona.

Funeral service were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 15, 2008, at the Potter Funeral Home with Rev. Eugene Haney and Rev. Gary Fields officiating. Burial was in the Samuel Wright Cemetery, Hwy. 1260, West Liberty, Ky., with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers: Nephews. Sign guest book at www.potterfuneralhomeinc.com

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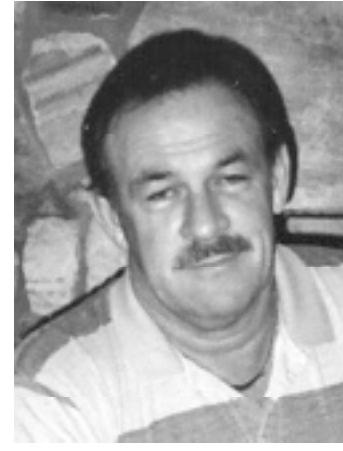
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James C. (Jim) Wells



MOREHEAD — James C. (Jim) Wells, age 68, of Wells Lane, Morehead, Kentucky, passed away Friday, August 15, 2008, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, following an extended illness.

He was born October 31, 1939, in Morgan County, Kentucky, and was the son of J. C. and Celia Richardson Wells. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald H. (Don) Wells and William T. (Bill Tom) Wells.

Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Brenda Lewis Wells, whom he married June 5, 1965; one brother, David Wells and his wife Jo; two sisters, Dean Carter and Clydia Jo Wood, all of Morehead, Kentucky, and several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to special caregiver, Kay Freimuth; loyal friend, Della Clay; and Jim and Brenda's best friends for forty years, Ray and Wanda Conn.

Jim was a prominent business leader in the community. He was a partner in many businesses over the years: J. C. Wells & Son, Inc., Wood Products Transport, Inc., A.D.O.M., Inc., Fleming Wood Products, Inc., Menifee Forest Products, Midland Properties and Kentucky Uplink Satellite, Inc.

He was a founding member of KFIA and served as President and as a board member for many years. Jim was one of the founders of the Morehead National Bank and served on the board. He was presently a member of the board of Whitaker Bank in Morehead.

Jim was a 1957 graduate of Breckinridge Training School and attended Morehead State College. He served in the U.S. Army for one year of active duty at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas, training recruits and then served six years in the Army Reserve.

Jim was a member of the Morehead First Church of God.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2008, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Tim Rhodes and the Rev. Allan Hutchinson officiating.

Burial was in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens with full military rites conducted at the graveside by Morehead American Legion Post No. 126.

Pallbearers were David Butcher, Ray Conn, Ray Crisp, Darwin Gregory, Johnny Johnson, Thomas Lewis, David Wayne Todd, and Joe Stacy Wells.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 1900 Richmond Road, Lexington, Ky. 40502.

View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at HYPERLINK "http://www.northcuttandson.com" www.northcuttandson.com

Kathleen R. Brown

Kathleen R. Brown, 78, of Winchester, widow of Gordan D. Brown and Robert W. Elam, died Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, at her home.

A native of Morgan County, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late George W. and Mary Jane Elam Crase.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include four daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Merrill Combs, of Clark County, Sheila and Danny Potter, of Winchester, Emily Elam, of West Liberty, and Kim Elam, of Winchester; one son, Robert W. Elam, of Winchester; 9 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; three sisters, Crystal Sheets, of West Liberty, Faye Conner, of Edgewood, and Clemma Bell, of Miamisburg, Ohio; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents and spouses, Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by one daughter, Carol Sue Elam.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at Scobee Funeral Home, in Winchester, by Bro. Karl Elam. Burial followed in Clintonville Cemetery, with Scobee Funeral Home, of Winchester, in charge of arrangements.

Active pallbearers were grandsons.

Honorary pallbearers were granddaughters.

The online guestbook is at www.scobeefuneralhome.com.

Vickie Lynn Smith



Vickie Lynn Harvey Smith of Frenchburg, Ky., passed away Thursday, August 14, 2008, at St. Joseph Mt. Sterling, at the age of 45 years and 28 days. She was born July 17, 1963, in West Liberty, Ky., a daughter of Lillian Manning and the late Robert Lee Harvey.

In addition to her father, Vickie was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry Harvey, and one sister, Marilyn Harvey.

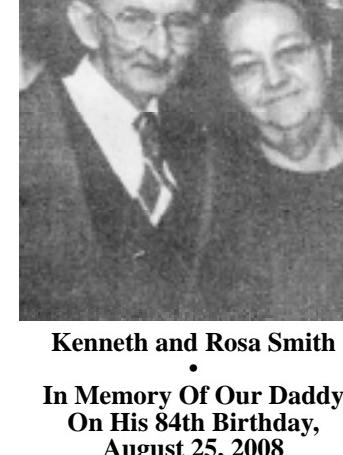
Vickie is survived by her daughter, Sheryl Bates of Frenchburg, Ky.; her mother, Lillian Manning of Frenchburg, Ky.; one sister, Alice Mae Rudd of West Liberty; one brother, Robert Gordon Harvey of Beaver, Ohio, and two nieces, Michelle and Scotty Adkins of Ezel, Ky., and Chrystal Rudd of Flemingsburg, Ky.

Funeral service was at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 17, 2008, at the Potter Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Delbert Coffey officiating. Burial in the Bach Cemetery, Ezel, Ky., with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers: Larry McGlothen, Jerry Fisher, Scotty Adkins, Ronnie Davis, Freddie Manning, Jacob Craver, Greg Craver, and Dennis Mills.

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Kenneth and Rosa Smith

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I remember that day that you took your last breath. You were ready to go you were ready to rest. The angels were there, you were never alone.

You went to the light, to go to your new home. Through those pearly gates. With the streets paved of gold. To that mansion in the sky to never more grow old.

But daddy, since you've gone so much has changed. Our big, loving family is sadly estranged. You'd be so saddened to see how things have become. The saddest of all is what it's done to mom.

She cries as she sews or sews as she cries. Her heart is so heavy, always tears in her eyes, she's been tough but she's getting so tired. She's ready to join you, to be by your side.

Sixty-four years ago you took mom as your wife. Everyone knew mom was your life. Now she just waits for her time to come.

For you to come get her and take her home.

To live in that mansion way up in the sky. No more pain or sorrow, no more reasons to cry.

Till the end of time the way it's meant to be.

Daddy and Momma for all of ETERNITY!

Your Loving Family down here on Earth—
Rosa, Oma, Cathy, Eleanor,
JR, Roger, Ruth and Barbara

Albert E. Spencer



Albert Earl Spencer, 51, of Frenchburg, Ky., died Saturday, August 16, 2008, in St. Claire Regional Medical Center, in Morehead, after an extended illness.

He was born June 10, 1957, in Montgomery County, Kentucky.

Albert was preceded in death by his father, Marlin Spencer.

Survivors include his mother, Helen Fields Spencer, of Denniston; two sons, Morgan Earl Spencer and Harvey Travis Spencer, of Salt Lick; two brothers, Denzil and Jane Spencer, of Frenchburg, and Johnny and Debbie Spencer, of Frenchburg; two sisters, Vickie and Lonnie Meeks, of Ezel, and Fran Stamper, of Mariba; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at Menifee Home For Funerals, with Bro. Gary Mayabb officiating. Burial in the Marlin Spencer Family Cemetery, at Denniston, with Menifee Home For Funerals, of Frenchburg, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were friends and relatives.

Send memorial condolences: www.menifeehomeforfunerals.com

Donald Ray Elliott



Donald Ray Elliott, 75, of Sandy Hook, Ky., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008, at his home.

He was born May 28, 1933, in Elliott County, the son of the late Eill and Reba Eldridge.

He is survived by a son, Ralph

M. Elliott of Ona, W.Va.; four grandchildren, four sisters, Ina Whitt of Wrigley, Ky., Mollie Marie Bohannon of Indiana, Elizabeth Litton of Illinois, and Betty Jo Woodard of Wrigley, Ky.

Funeral will be conducted Saturday, Aug. 23, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lewis & Ferguson Funeral Home at Sandy Hook, Ky., with Bro. Billy T. Rice and Bro. Jimmy Whitt officiating. Burial in the Elliott County Memory Gardens. Friends may call after 6:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Stacey and Jim Woodard, Johnny Perry, Jackie Conley, Ralph Burton and Johnathan Lewis.

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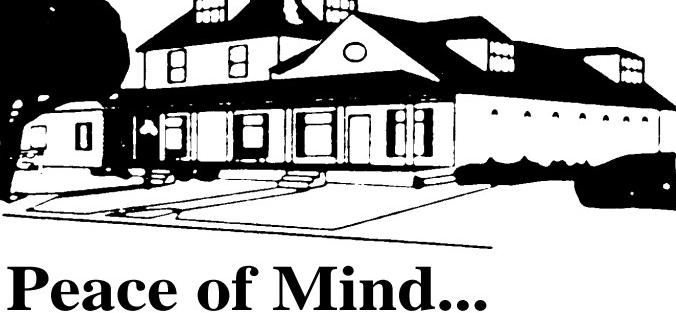


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Brushy Fork Church, Caney, KY. Services fourth Saturday at 1:00 pm and fourth Sunday at 10:00 am each month. Robert Dunn, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of God, 568 Green Ave., West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Gary Fields, pastor. Parsonage: 743-2632. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm Bible study for all age groups.

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. Lowell Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, 525 Main St., Campton, KY. Phone 668-3731. Sunday Mass 11:30 am; Wednesdays 5:30 pm.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966. Pastor: phone 768-2415. Bro. Mick Harden, pastor. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday Disciples group training service 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, GA's, acteeen's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Carl Roller, pastor. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor.

Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY, phone 743-3906. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm.

Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat-Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 668-9168.

Zag Community Church, located 1-mile off KY-179 on KY-976. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Donald Cox, pastor.

Index Community Church, Rt. 1 Box 210, West Liberty, KY 466-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Mike Frisby, pastor. Eddy Dennisson, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 10:00 am. All ages welcome.

Cannel City First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church, US-460, West Liberty, KY. Sunday mass 9:00 am. Father Jerry Dorn, pastor, 581 Glenn Ave., phone 743-4817.

Wells Union Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Jimmy Tharp, pastor.

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Watson Enterprise Baptist Church, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Isom, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Wells Chapel Church Of God, Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Ivan Hinton, pastor. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty Christian Church, 304 Prestonsburg St. (corner of Prestonsburg and Main Street), KY. (606) 743-4356, parsonage (606) 743-3355. Paul Castel, minister. Matthew Riley, youth minister. Junior church and wee church 11:00 am. High school and middle school youth group Wednesday evening and Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Burtt Combs, pastor.

Union Enterprise Church, Will Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am to 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. First Saturday and Sunday each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Tivis Ion, pastor, welcomes everyone.

Walnut Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Scott Littton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor.

Torrent Church Of God, 1432 N KY-11, Zachariah, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Youth group 7:00 pm. Youth church service third Sunday 6:00 pm. Youth church 7:00 pm. Youth church service third Sunday 6:00 pm.

Stillwater Holiness Church, 3-1/2 miles north of Campton on KY-191. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Youth church service third Sunday 6:00 pm.

Bethany Baptist Church, War Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Rick Pelfrey, pastor.

Stark United Methodist Church, Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Friday youth group 7:00 pm. Friday adult Bible study 7:00 pm. Warren Vanover, pastor.

Ezel United Presbyterian Church, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 10:00 am. All ages welcome.

Christian First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry B. Helton, pastor.

Campbell Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. David Stamper, pastor.

Hazel Green Church Of God, KY-1010 East. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning and children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Charlie Brewer, pastor, wife Wavelene Brewer. Everyone welcome.

Concord Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-32 eight miles west of Sandy Hook. Every fourth Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday 10:00 am. Power House kids church, 11:00 am. Sunday evening worship service, 6:00 pm. Ladies meeting, 7:00 pm. Every Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. First Monday each month, 7:00 pm. Wednesday worship choir practice, 6:30 pm. Thursday worship service, 7:00 pm. Young adult service, 20-30, 40 year olds, last Friday each month, 7:00 pm. Harold Davis, pastor. Phone 743-4555.

Campbell First Church Of God, Rt. 1, Cannel City, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd, pastor.

Christian Faith Church Of Freedom, Murphy Fork. Every Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd, pastor.

Woodsbend Community Church, KY-705 North. Phone (606) 743-3580. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry Flannery, pastor.

Vortex Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Leonard Cole, pastor.

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Red bush Enterprise Baptist Church, Red bush, KY. Second Saturday evening each month 6:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday evening prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Ronnie Mayse, pastor.

Hilltop Apostolic Church, KY-7, Brum. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Darrell Gallahue, pastor.

Victory Christian Center, Elliott County on Blaine's Trace Road off KY-486. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. David Webb, pastor.

Sandfield Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Mike Brooks, pastor. Harold Stamp, assistant pastor.

Bethany Community Church, Bethany, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Daniel Wendell, pastor. Phone 668-3703.

Broadway First Church Of God, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-3759. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Jessie Rogers, pastor.

Lacy Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Lacy Creek, KY. Second weekend each month. Saturday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Tim Jenkins, pastor.

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Campton Church Of Christ, Rt. 35, Box 405, Campton, KY 41301, phone 668-6531.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 East Main Street, Jackson, KY. 10:00 am Saturday worship. 6:00 pm. Pastor Sammy Vanceave, 743-7255. Invited all. Everyone welcome.

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Haven Of Hope, 364 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every third Thursday ladies and men's meeting 7:00 pm. Dean Lewis, pastor. Everyone welcome.

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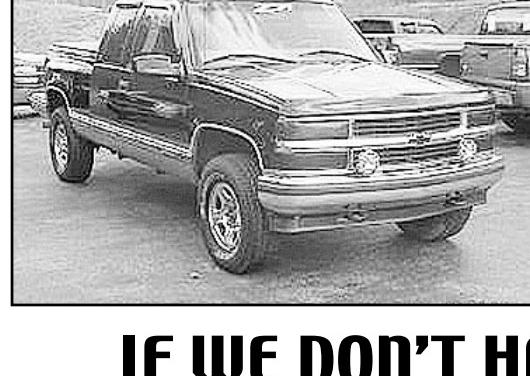
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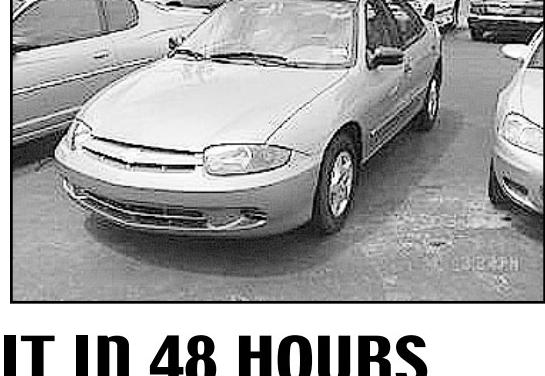
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CIRCUIT COURT

New civil cases – Joshua Pike #194951 vs. Warden John Motley et al., Aug. 8; Judith E. Wright vs. Dwayne P. Skapik, Aug. 8; SCS Credit Corp. vs. Ben S. Wright, Aug. 11; Ricky Darren Blair vs. Sherry Lyon Blair, Aug. 13; Spare Parts & Equipment vs. Patco Inc., Aug. 14; Chase Home Finance LLC vs. Gaylord Wilson et al., Aug. 14.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil cases – Emerson L. Taulbee vs. Michelle Preston et al., Aug. 12; Katherin M. Sargent vs. Ricky L. Sargent, Aug. 12; First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Tommy E. Phipps, Aug. 12; First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Kelly Bolin, Aug. 12.

ARRAIGNMENTS

James W. Cantrell – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, \$200, loss of license for 90 days; possession of marijuana – pled guilty, \$200.

Zachary Caudill – unauthorized use of motor vehicle (first offense) – pre-trial conference Aug. 26.

Georgia B. Cheek – disregarding traffic control device – order entered.

James W. Coley II – speeding 13 mph over limit, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pre-trial conference Sept. 2.

Jamison R. Dehner – speeding 15 mph over limit – rescheduled Aug. 19.

Todd J. Doss – promoting contraband (first degree) – preliminary hearing Sept. 2.

Courtney L. Ferguson – speeding 15 mph over limit, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt – failed to appear.

Jeffery A. Ferguson – reckless driving, license to be in possession – order entered.

Samuel C. Furcolow – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, rear license not illuminated, unauthorized parking in a handicapped zone – pre-trial conference Oct. 7.

Andrea E. Gambino – speeding 5 mph over limit, failure to produce insurance card – failed to appear.

Arlie Jason Hamilton – wanton endangerment (second degree) – pre-trial conference Sept. 2.

Elizabeth D. Herald – speeding 10 mph over limit, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt – order entered.

Rahne L. Hollon – failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – pre-trial conference Oct. 14.

James J. Howard – speeding 5 mph over limit – pled guilty, referred to state traffic school.

Evelyn L. Keathley – speeding 5 mph over limit – failed to appear.

Mary A. Kirby – cruelty to animals (second degree) – pre-trial conference Aug. 26.

Aaron L. Lewis – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, \$350, loss of license for 12 months; operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – pled guilty, \$100.

Ganda F. McCoy – speeding 5 mph over limit – paid in full.

Taylor McKnight – assault (fourth degree; minor injury) – pre-trial conference Sept. 2.

Charles Meade – theft by unlawful taking under \$300 (two counts) – pre-trial conference Aug. 26.

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Allred Newsome Jr. – criminal littering – pre-trial conference Aug. 26.

Ronnie L. Patrick – burglary (first degree) – preliminary hearing Aug. 26.

Misty B. Reynolds – speeding 5 mph over limit, no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – failed to appear, bench warrant issued.

Ashley N. Sparks – speeding 5 mph over limit – pled guilty, referred to state traffic school; failure to produce insurance card – pled guilty, \$500.

Larry P. Yates – speeding 5 mph over limit, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – rescheduled Aug. 26.

Pre-trial conference – Christopher Back – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – matter bound over to grand jury.

Pre-trial conference – Teresa Caldwell – complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance (drug unspecified) – rescheduled Sept. 2.

Pre-trial conference – Jacqueline Hall – criminal mischief (third degree), disorderly conduct (second degree) – pled guilty, 90 days.

Pre-trial conference – Jacqueline Hall – violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO – pled guilty, 90 days.

Pre-trial conference – Jacqueline Hall – criminal trespassing (first degree) – pled guilty, 90 days.

Pre-trial conference – Brandi Midkiff – fraudulent use of credit cards (two counts; over \$100 within a six-month period) – matter bound over to grand jury.

Pre-trial conference – Teresa Minix – theft by unlawful taking un-

der \$300 (three counts) – rescheduled Sept. 2.

Renea J. Ooten – possession of a controlled substance (first offense; drug unspecified), promoting contraband (first degree) – preliminary hearing Aug. 19.

Kenneth Prater – assault (fourth degree domestic violence; minor injury) – bonded out.

James A. Richardson – no tail lamps, failure to produce insurance card, driving on DUI-suspended license (first offense), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of a controlled substance (third degree, first offense; drug unspecified), possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, controlled substance prescription not in original container – pre-trial conference Aug. 26.

Preliminary hearing – James Michael Stegall – fraudulent use of credit cards (two counts; over \$100 within a six-month period) – matter bound over to grand jury.

Dustin Tharp – public intoxication of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, menacing – pre-trial conference Aug. 19.

Danny Ray Litton – theft by unlawful taking under \$300 – pre-trial conference Aug. 26.

Preliminary hearing – Mark J. Bush – theft by unlawful taking over \$300 – rescheduled Aug. 26.

Pre-trial conference – Jackie G. Conn – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs (third offense) – rescheduled Sept. 16.

Pre-trial conference – Dan Deborde – failure to wear seatbelts, failure to maintain required insurance/security, driving on DUI-suspended license (first offense), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – rescheduled Aug. 26.

Preliminary hearing – Raymond E. Johnson – possession of marijuana – jury trial Sept. 10.

Pre-trial conference – Raymond E. Johnson – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – jury trial Sept. 10.

Preliminary hearing – Timothy J. Nickell – possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense), possession of a controlled substance (second degree, two counts; first offense), controlled substance prescription not in original container – matter bound over to grand jury.

Pre-trial conference – Ruth A. Phillips – theft by deception includ-

ing cold checks under \$300 – bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference – Aulda M. Risner – menacing, resisting arrest – pled guilty, 30 days.

Pre-trial conference – Bonnie P. Salyers – alcohol intoxication in a public place – pled guilty, 180 days; terroristic threatening (third degree) – pled guilty, 180 days.

Court trial – Walter L. Boles – speeding 15 mph over limit – rescheduled Aug. 19.

Court trial – Stacy S. Henley – speeding 12 mph over limit – pled guilty, \$25.

Court trial – Tabatha Nickell – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – found guilty, \$200, loss of license for 90 days; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance – found guilty, \$500.

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Kevin J. Conner and Linda G. to Brandon Ball and Aleisha, located on Big Mandy Rd., \$3,000.

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Billie Jo Stacy, 26, of West Liberty, daughter of Teresa Marie

Delong Stacy and Edward Michael Stacy, to Chadwick Terran Caskey, 22, of West Liberty, son of Toni Marie Keeton Caskey and Rick Spradling.

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The first Saturday after the 4th, was the next day. I hope that was why the attendance was low.

2009 someone rented the shelter #2 for July 11. I rented Shelter #2 for Saturday, the 18th.

Try and come and tell everyone you know. Family and friends welcome. It starts at eleven and ends when everyone gets tired. It was nice and we had a good breeze.

Those who attended were Roger L. and Brenda Haney, Farrell and Betty Stacy, Betty and Russell Wolfe, Jordan, Melissa and son, Hayden Cockrell, Justin and Stacy and son, Hudson Cockrell, Larry and Emily Cockrell, Lurleen Amburgey, Carol and Earl Peyton, Barbara Corky Abney, Daniel Bent, from Ohio, Lance Amber and son, Keegan Hoop, and me, Lorna King Haney.

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By Alpha Clevenger

Aug. 18--Sympathy is extended to the family of Garnett Wright. May God bless and comfort each family member. I had known her for years and attended church with her. She was a wonderful person and kind and good to all. I always loved her as a good friend. She was always smiling and would give you a hug and shake your hand. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. I'm so sorry I didn't get to go to her visitation or her funeral. I have been on the sick list for a while and a week ago I received a fall at my home and I can't hardly walk, altho I try hard to. I went to the doctor and was put on medication and it seems to help, but it will take a while for me to recover, but by the help of the good Lord, I'll be alright, I hope.

I have been so busy trying to work up some produce. I had bought at the markets. I didn't have a garden this year and all the garden vegetables are so expensive. The prices have gone up on everything.

Joy was Friday guest. Good to have her visit me. She has a lot of beautiful flowers in her yard. She's like me, she loves flowers but it sure is a lot of work and they don't last very long, but they are beautiful for a while.

Dempsey came Saturday and

went squirrel hunting and killed five.

Barry mowed the yard recently and did other chores for me. We made pickleliikki one day this past week. You put cabbage, green tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, and mustard greens. I was at IGA recently and found some mustard greens and bought four bunches and made pickles. I hope they are good. You have to chop it all up together and put one tablespoon of pickling salt and cold water. I used to make it often but this year is the first year I've made it. I love pickle stuff but I'm not suppose to eat a lot of salt. I always boil the salt out of kraut and other pickle stuff.

How are you Tammy H.? Call me soon.

How are you Sue Kinner? Hope you and Earl are well.

I talked to Ann Brogan recently. Good to hear from her.

Alpha attended church at Glenn Avenue Sunday. A good service.

I talked to Helen Lewis last week. She and some others are on W.L.K.S. Each Sunday at 2 p.m. They do a good job singing.

How are you Fairy Dean? Have you been going to the revival at Neal Howard's Creek. Bro. Eugene Haney is doing the preaching. I would have loved to attend some but didn't get to. Sorry about that.

Alpha was a Sunday evening guest of Joy and family, of Ezel. They were fine and enjoyed eating supper with them.

Barry and Charlie went fishing Saturday evening, at Mordica, and caught a nice bunch of bass. They were delicious.

Alpha and Helen Lewis and others ang on the broadcast Sunday evening on W.L.K.S., West Liberty.

Lenox

By Estelle Caskey

Aug. 18--Our community was very saddened to hear of the deaths of Garnett Wright, Ocal Williams (Fairborn, Ohio), and Kathleen Elam Brown, of Winchester, Ky. All were neighbors and special friends for more than 50 years and we shall miss them. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families and to all others who have lost loved ones.

Estelle and Louise Caskey visited Ruby Caskey and others at the West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center last Tuesday afternoon.

We are happy to hear that Terry Elam is continuing to improve.

Joyce Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Garrick Ratliff and Garrison Lee, of Morehead, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Banks attended the Ferguson reunion last Sunday.

Estelle and Louise Caskey recently visited one afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Keeton. Both are doing well.

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with her son, Kevin. He is having surgery. Her birthday is this week, also.

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Aleigha Jayde Robbins

Ryan and Courtney (Music) Robbins are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Aleigha Jayde. Aleigha was born May 20, 2008, at St. Claire Medical Center, in Morehead. She weighed 6 lbs. and 3 ozs. and measured 20 1/4 inches long. She was welcomed home by her proud maternal grandparents, James and Barbara Music, of Hwy. 172, West Liberty; and her paternal grandparents, Michael and Carolyn Sue Adkins, of Ezel.

Miss Bailey, Mr Tipton to wed



Gregory and Natasha

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Patricia Bailey would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Natasha Nicole Bailey, to Gregory Brandon Tipton, son of Greg and Teresa Tipton, of West Liberty.

Natasha is a 2004 graduate of Wolfe County High School and is currently attending Big Sandy Community and Technical College majoring in Dental Hygiene.

Brandon is a 2003 graduate of Morgan County High School and employed at the Family Dollar Distribution Center in Morehead, Ky.

A evening ceremony is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at Old Mill Park in West Liberty on Saturday, September 6. A reception is to follow immediately after the wed-

ding at the home of the bride's parents. All family and friends are invited.

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Emily Elam, right, and Phyllis Keeton enjoyed playing corn hole at the July picnic of the Morgan County Woman's Club.

Nickell home is the scene of Woman's Club's July meet

The Morgan County Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of club member Gerleen Nickell on July 24. A picnic dinner of hamburgers, smoked sausages and delicious side dishes along with homemade ice cream were enjoyed by club and family members.

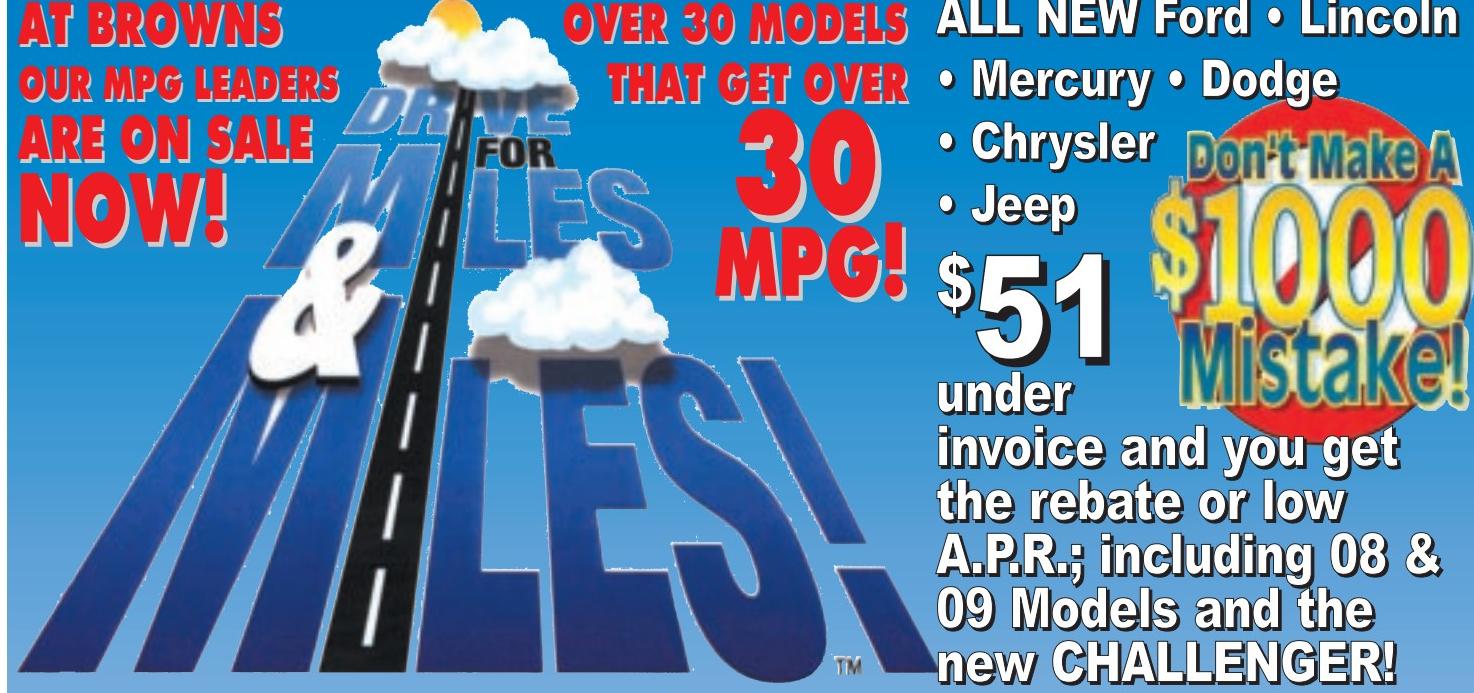
After the wonderful meal and business session, members and guests enjoyed playing and watching participants play corn hole.

During the business meeting, Emily Elam gave an update on the Morgan County Women's Military Memorial and a committee was formed to work on the Women's History and Resource Center. The next club meeting

Socials

Sue Perkins, of Malone, had as guests on August 12 her first cousin, Richard Gose, and his wife, Carole, of South Port, North Carolina. Richard is the son of the late Dora B. and Raymond Gose, of West Liberty. Richard is retired from Ashland Oil. During the Cincinnati Reds ballgame season he works there and resides in Covington.

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MSC meeting held Aug. 5 at Methodist Church

The monthly meeting of the Margaret Stacy Circle was held on Tuesday, August 5, at the Methodist Church, in West Liberty.

Judy Elam welcomed everyone and then Barbara Ison gave the devotion from the Reader's Digest. It was called "What is Happiness". Many surveys have been taken on what makes people happy, and the things that make people the happiest are faith, work, marriage, family, and charity work such as volunteering or giving time or money to needy organizations. Having faith was the most important thing to make people happy.

Paulette Wells then told us about her experience of going to the annual United Methodist Conference in July. She said they had worship services, music, worshipful work, and business meetings. They also had time to visit with friends and listen to a children's choir. This was Paulette's first time at the conference and she said she learned a lot and it was very interesting.

We then had our business meeting. Lori Keeton said the

consignment sale went really well and everyone seemed pleased with the items that were available. She thanked everyone for their help.

Jenni Ison will once again be in charge of our flower bulb sales since we decided to sell them

again this year.

Next month we will combine the church picnic with the circle picnic and that will be held on September 12.

Barbara Ison then said the blessing before we enjoyed the refreshments that Barbara and Jenni Ison prepared. Everything was wonderful.

Those attending the meeting were Jenni Ison, Jeanene Jett, Paulette Wells, Barbara Ison, Bev Bell, Judy Elam, Emily Elam,

Emily's guests, Joyce McKelvy and her mom, Debbie McKelvy, Sallie May, Anna Jean Allen, Lori Keeton and Carolina, Pam Rose, Anita Hunley, Jonell Tobin, and Brenda Smith.

Joyce McKelvy lives in Arizona and works for the World Gospel Mission on an Indian Reservation and she had some interesting things to tell us about his experiences there.

Hope to see everyone at the picnic in September.



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HISTORICAL SKETCHES

by Joe Nickell

MORGAN COUNTY MONSTER. Legends of ghosts and monsters are a vital part of Appalachian folklore. While some are quite incredible tales, they are usually told in the belief that they are literally or figuratively true. If they are actually true, and investigative approach might enable us to work backward from a narrative, treating its motifs and details as clues that may reveal the potentially real-world solution to its mystery.

One such legend, concerning a "hideous monster," was part of the oral tradition of Morgan County, Ky., where I grew up. My former teacher, Arthur C. Johnson, gave his version of it in his book, *Early Morgan County*. It is worth quoting in its entirety:

"The experience of Cynda MacDaniel was commonly told and believed on Elkfork and Paint Creek. It was told that Cynda was a common public prostitute who had given birth to two or three children out of wedlock. To support her children, she would go from house to house and do washings. On her return home late one evening, she had to walk by the mouth of a dark hollow. An object that looked to her like a hat fell from a tree. Thinking that her brother was hiding, she laughed and said, 'You can't scare me.'

A monster seemed to arise out of the ground where the hat had fallen. It was about the size of a calf and had bright eyes as big as plates. It stood in her way and would not let her go home. Finding that she could not get by it, she started to return to the house where she had been washing. This hideous monster started back with her. Whatever gait she took, it stayed by her side. She could not run off and leave it, or lag behind it. For more than a mile, it gazed into her face, but made no sound or did any other harm.

Finally, "On nearing the house, the monster sprang into the air and flew into the woods, roaring like thunder as it went. Cynda ran to the house and fell into the door. She was hysterical all night, and no one knew what ailed her. The next day they got her story. She then became a devoted Christian and remained one for the rest of her life. Something must have scared the devil out of her."

This story's descriptive details remind me of two "cold" cases I investigated as part of my career work with *Skeptical Inquirer* science magazine. Both featured alleged nocturnal monsters whose size was almost certainly exaggerated due to eyewitnesses' tendency to misjudge distance at night. That in turn would have caused them to misjudge size. So would what we may call the fear factor: frightening creatures are typically perceived as much larger than they really are because of the intensity of the observer's visual experience.

Each of those cases – both from West Virginia, but both known internationally – was best explained as an encounter with an owl. The first was the supposedly extraterrestrial Flatwoods Monster of 1952. As a Michigan Audubon Society publication concluded, my investigative report on the case "convincingly demonstrates that the alleged flying saucer was really a meteor and the hissing creature from outer space was none other than a Barn Owl! Check it out, it's a real scream!"

The other case, from Point Pleasant in 1966, was the subject of later books and a 2002 Hollywood movie *The Mothman Prophecies*. Among other features, the "flying monster" had eyes that shone "like bicycle reflectors." That helped me identify the entity as a probable Barred Owl, which exhibits especially strong crimson eyeshine. My



Was the Morgan County Monster a relative of West Virginia's "Flatwoods Monster?" This split-image illustration compares the latter (left) with the real-world creature it most resembles – an owl (right). (Drawing by Joe Nickell, from his book, *Real-Life X-Files*.)

onsite investigation revealed that Barred Owls, which are larger than Barn Owls, are prevalent in the area where Mothman was seen: the McClintick Wildlife Management Area – in part, a bird sanctuary!

Not surprisingly, perhaps, when I rounded up the usual suspects in the Morgan County case, I once again considered an owl as the culprit. From Mr. Johnson's published narrative, we see that the "monster" was a large nocturnal flying creature that had huge bright eyes, inhabited a tree, exhibited territorial behavior, and made a deep, loud sound as it flew away.

Allowing for exaggeration of size, the most likely match from the real, natural world would seem to be the Great Horned Owl, which at some two feet tall, is "a really large owl," the largest of the region. Among its notable features are eyes that are "large" and "bright." Common to the woodlands, it often nests in trees, being territorial and "extremely aggressive when defending the nest."

The behavior of the creature in the Morgan County case, I was told by an experienced birder, was consistent with various territorial birds including owls. She stated that one might well keep ahead of someone in escort style – moving along in increments while keeping watch on the person – until he or she had left the owl's territory; thereupon it would return to its nest. The average home range of a Great Horned Owl has been shown to be about one square mile. As to the thunderous sound the creature made upon leaving, the Great Horned Owl has a variety of vocalizations that include "blood-curdling screams" and "deep booming hoots." The latter, "the male's resonant territorial call" (a lower-pitched voice than that of the female) "can be heard over several miles during a still night."

This case demonstrates that certain legends, while offered as supernatural belief tales, probably owe their origin to actual encounters with a nighttime creature – often an owl. This is shown by treating the narratives as cold cases inviting solution. While investigation may thus diminish the stories' transcendental impact, establishing their factual basis helps us to better understand the storytellers and their relationship to both the natural world and to the supernatural realm they imagine around them.

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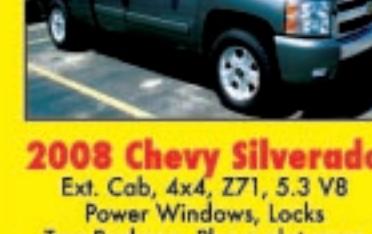
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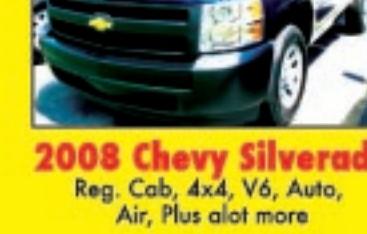
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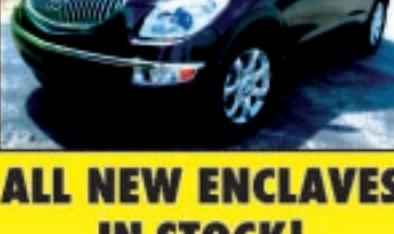
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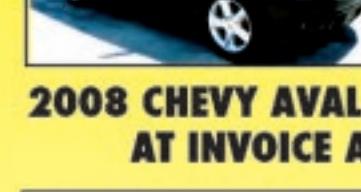


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